



Town of Discovery Bay
A California Community Services District
"Friday Letter"
To the Board of Directors
March 27, 2015

From: Rick Howard, General Manager

General Manager/Administration:

- ✓ On Tuesday Sue and I attended a SDRMA sponsored (and free of charge to all SDRMA member agencies) Safety Claims Seminar in Sacramento. This year's program was excellent. The focus this year was on avoiding liability claims, and as public agencies covered through SDRMA, what types of coverages they cover and those that they do not. It was very insightful. Sue participated in a parallel program aimed at becoming a Safety Claims Administrator. As you probably are aware, Sue is our designated Safety Specialist and she works with the entire staff as well as our outside safety vendor, Du-All Safety.
- ✓ Last week I attended a Tracy Sub-Basin Meeting with all local water agency general managers and city managers and support staff. The meeting was to discuss the ground basin affecting the entire sub-basin. I was pleasantly pleased (I guess my cynical self thinks everyone is out to steal our water) that the other water agencies in the sub-basin support the three basin approach recommended by the East Contra Costa agencies – the San Joaquin County portion, Delta Islands, and East Contra Costa County. The April 15 Board meeting will be the first action that will occur as a part of the East Contra Costa Agencies working together to be self-administered. Luhdorff and Scalmanini will be presenting a 5 agency proposal to collectively manage the process through the Department of Water Resources.
- ✓ The new website is coming together. Still a long way to go to add content, but heading in the right direction. As soon as it is ready for prime time I'll forward draft screen shots your way.
- ✓ As you are all aware, the dais for the new Board room was delivered two weeks ago. The old adage is true in this case – measure once, then measure again, then cut! Well, while we didn't have to cut into anything, we did have to order another 4' section in order to accommodate everyone. The data runs are being worked on this weekend and the extended Wi-Fi relays (signal extenders) will also become operational. The new section is scheduled to arrive in about 4 weeks.



Parks, Landscape and Recreation Services

- ✓ River Otters practice begins Monday April 6. The season ends in Mid-August. I'll keep you posted on events and meets as they occur.
- ✓ The annual Earth Day celebration will be taking place on Saturday April 25th at the Community Center. The DB Lions are partnering on this event and will be selling beer and wine, and proceeds will be shared equally between the Lions and the Community Center. Newspaper advertising will begin next week. The family festival will run from noon-4 p.m.
- ✓ On that same theme, a BIG shout out goes to the following \$2,500 Earth Day Sponsors: Veolia Water and the Discovery Bay Chamber of Commerce; \$2,000 sponsor is Herwit Engineering; and \$1,000 sponsors are Neumiller and Beardslee and Luhdorff and Scalmanini. There are a few others including in-kind sponsorships from both The Press and the Delta Sun Times.
- ✓ The Dog Park is coming along rather nicely. There is still a lot of work to do, and the Earth Day volunteer project will be finishing up the K-9 Park.
- ✓ Earlier this week, our own Estevan Rocha got his few minutes of fame as he was seen on local television news in his TODB work clothes. As Estevan was arriving home he noticed a lot of commotion in his neighborhood as a bear had climbed a tree and didn't want to come down. You can watch the news clip by clicking on this link: <http://www.kcra.com/news/warning-bear-spotted-in-tracy-area/32016618>. Estevan can be seen at the 43 second mark of the video.

Important Dates

Upcoming important dates are as follows:

- CSD Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
- Lion's Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday April 5, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. – Community Center